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For The Northern Mariana Islands
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

LISA BLACK,

Plaintiff

v.

JIM BREWER, et al.,

Defendants

Civil Action No. 05-0038

ORDER DENYING
STIPULATED REQUEST
TO CONTINUE TRIAL
DATE

THE COURT has received this date a stipulation by the parties to remove this matter from the trial calendar indefinitely, pending disposition of motions which have not yet been filed. For the following reasons, the request is denied.

The case management scheduling order in this matter was issued February 8, 2006, and was already amended once, upon motion of the parties, to extend the date for hearing dispositive motions by one week, from December 7, 2006, to December

1 14, 2006.

2 During the course of this litigation, the court has granted at least six motions
3 by the parties to extend certain deadlines.
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5 Of greater importance here is the fact that the parties stipulated and
6 represented to the court that plaintiff is now living in Morocco and could not attend
7 the trial unless it was set for February 20, 2007. Based upon those May 2, 2006,
8 representations (which were made by "all Parties,") the court changed its court
9 calendar and moved the original trial date to accommodate the litigants.
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11 Also, the court has gone to great effort to obtain the services of a district court
12 judge from the mainland to travel to Saipan to hear this case, based upon the
13 representation of the parties that settlement was highly unlikely and that this matter
14 would definitely go to trial.
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16 For these reasons, the stipulated request to remove this matter from the trial
17 calendar is denied and the court will not entertain further dispositive motions because
18 the cut-off date for such motions has passed.
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20 IT IS SO ORDERED.
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22 DATED this 8th day of January, 2007.
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26 ALEX R. MUNSON
Judge